

CDBG

Co-Funding for Municipalities

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OCR Programs

Federal

- NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Local Programs
- New York State Disaster Recovery
- Project Reinvest Financial Capability
- HUD Comprehensive Housing Counseling



How Does CDBG Work?

Eligible CDBG Activities

- Public Infrastructure
- Public Facilities
- Economic Development
- Small Business Assistance
- Microenterprise Development
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Manufactured housing replacement
- Homeownership
- Private Water/Wastewater Systems
- Community Planning
- Imminent Threat



Public Infrastructure

Improve infrastructure to low and moderate income areas

Typical activities:

- Public Water Systems
 - water source development, storage, and distribution
- Public Sanitary Sewer Systems
 - sanitary sewage collection and treatment
- Storm Water Systems
 - flood control and storm water drainage



Example Public Infrastructure

Village of Sharon Springs, Water and Wastewater Jefferson County





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Private Water/Wastewater Systems

Eligible activities:

- Drilling new private wells for drinking water
- Construction of new/replacement of existing septic systems
- Install lateral connections to public water or sewer
- Work inside a manufactured housing park may be eligible



Community Planning

- Preliminary Engineering for Water or Sewer
- Asset Management
- Community Needs Assessments
- Downtown Market Analysis
- Housing Needs Assessments



Applying for CDBG Funding

How to Apply for Funds

NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)

- Public Infrastructure/Facilities (Annual)
- Microenterprise (Annual)
- Community Planning (Annual)
- Economic Development (Open Round)
- Small Business Assistance (Open Round)
- http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov



Eligible Applicants

Eligible Applicants:

- Units of Local Government with populations of less than 50,000 and
- Counties with populations of less than 200,000

Refer to the list of eligible communities located at: http://www.nyshcr.org/Programs/NYS-CDBG/EligibleCommunities.htm



Funding Limits - 2018

Public Infrastructure

Counties, Towns, Cities or Villages	\$750,000
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- ➤ Shared Municipal Infrastructure \$900,000
- Shared Municipal Infrastructure withNYS Co-Funding Initiative\$1,250,000
- ➤ With NYS Co-Funding Initiative \$1,000,000



Administrative Funding Limits

- Public Infrastructure, Facilities and Housing for Administration, Program Delivery, Engineering and Architecture: 18% maximum of the CDBG requested funds
- Microenterprise: Up to 25% of CDBG award in program delivery, administration, and training
- Economic Development/Small Business: maximum \$16,000 of CDBG funds for Administration and Program Delivery.



Scoring Criteria

Applications competitively rated and scored on:

- Project feasibility, all financing in place
- Ability to implement immediately
- Ability to complete in 24-months
- Administrative capacity
- CDBG and administrative performance history, if any
- Severity of need, and impact on identified need
- A complete description of activity
- Public benefit and support for the proposed activity
- Reasonableness of project costs, including program delivery & administration



Getting Ready to Apply

- 1. Collect data and evaluate local conditions/needs
- 2. Determine local priorities, choose projects, then determine funding to seek
- 3. Read the regulations & requirements
- 4. Evaluate local capacity to implement the project
- 5. Identify local partners
- Identify available resources for project and complementary projects underway
- 7. Make sure current/previous funding is on schedule or closed satisfactorily



Application Tips and Other Requirements

Only eligible units of general local government may apply for CDBG assistance

Tips:

- Use the correct application
- Use the submission checklist to ensure completeness
- Document citizen participation (public hearing)
- Key deficiencies: failing to show administrative capacity, adequate funding, budget inconsistencies, readiness
- Don't take choice limiting actions prior to award and clearance

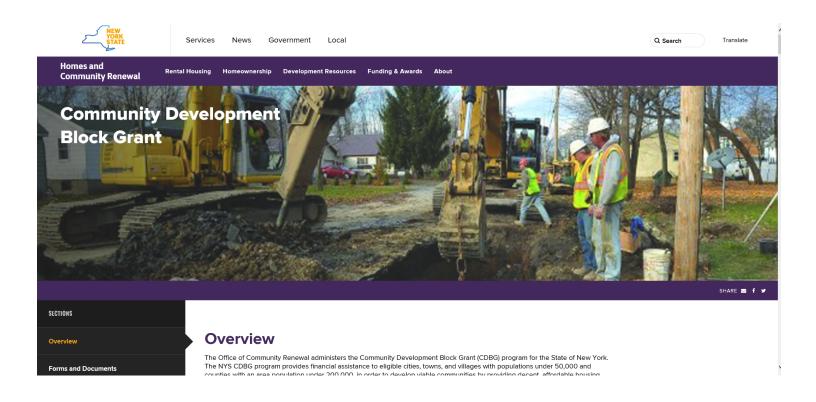


Additional Information



OCR Web Site

www.nyshcr.org





HUD Exchange

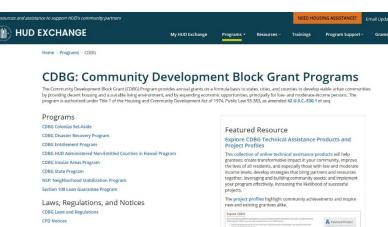
www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/

Source for:

- CDBG Rule: 24 CFR Part 570
- CPD Notices
- Basically CDBG manual/slides
- Guide to National Objectives and Eligible Activities for the

CDBG Program

- CPD income calculator
- Toolkits







Questions

If you have any questions, please contact NYS OCR at ocrinfo@nyshcr.org

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